

## **MINUTES**

### **UTAH PROFESSION ENGINEER AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR LICENSING BOARD MEETING**

**November 20, 2007**

**Room 464 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:02 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:58 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:  
Board Secretary:**

Dan S. Jones  
Ann Naegelin

**Board Members Present:**

Kim Harris, Chairman  
Jonathan Richards, Co-Chairman  
Norman Bennion  
Gary Knighton  
Von R. Hill  
David E. Wesemann

**Board Members Absent:**

Charles D. Powell

**Guests:**

**DOPL Staff Present:**

Ross Ford, Associate Director  
Wayne Jeppson, DOPL Investigator

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

##### **INTRODUCTION OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR**

Ross Ford was introduced as the new Associate Director.

##### **NEW BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Richards was selected as the chairman.

##### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting as amended. Mr. Bennion seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

9:15 A.M.

Wayne Jeppson, Investigation Report

Mr. Jeppson closed one Professional Engineer and five Professional Land Surveyor cases since the September meeting. He gave a brief summary of each case.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Education and Enforcement Fund Update

The Education and Enforcement Fund balance was reviewed. No action was taken.

Timing of the NCEES PE Examination

Mr. Jones asked for input regarding eligibility to sit for the PE examination. Architects are now able to sit for the examination after they complete the education requirement. Mr. Bennion indicated that the examination is being reviewed and the focus of the examination is changing to questions that measure experience rather than education. Mr. Jones indicated that it is unfair to require people who sit in Utah to complete the experience requirement before they are approved to sit for the PE, but people can sit in another state before they have completed their experience and then apply for license as soon as their experience is complete. Mr. Hill made a motion to allow a person to sit for the PE or PS examination after having successfully completed three out of the four years of qualifying experience. Mr. Wesemann seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Steven D. Wood  
Education Review

Mr. Wood's education was reviewed. Mr. Bennion made motion to approve Mr. Wood's education. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Evan Fonger  
Education Review

Mr. Fonger's education was reviewed. The Intro to Landscape Architecture course and the Transportation Engineering course are not Land Development courses. Mr. Bennion made a motion not to accept Mr. Fonger's education. He will need to complete one more course in the areas outlined. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Timothy Prestwich  
Education Review

Mr. Prestwich's education was reviewed. Mr. Bennion made a motion to approve Mr. Prestwich's education. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## Land Surveyor Examination

Mr. Jones explained the changes taking place with the examination provider. The contract with Thomson Prometric ends on December 31, 2007. PSI will probably not be ready with the new examinations until January 31, 2008. The Division is proposing that during the time the examination is not available, temporary licenses will be issued until an examination is ready. The applicant will need to sign an affidavit that they have read and understand the statutes and rules. Mr. Knighton made a motion to grant a temporary license to a person who has met all the licensing requirements except the Utah Local Practice examination for a period of time until the new examination is available. The person will need to sign an affidavit that they have read the statutes and rules. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Jones gave a brief overview of the law and rules examination. The Division would like to remove all questions that have to do with the licensing requirements. Mr. Jones also indicated that the Division would also like to remove the Law and Rules examination from the Professional Engineer and Professional Structural Engineer application. Mr. Wesemann made a motion to leave the Law and Rules examination in the applications. Mr. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with five votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Harris voted against the motion.

Mr. Hill suggested that public land survey systems be included in the Local Practice Section examination. He would like to have 20% of the examination cover this area.

## Structural Engineer Act Kelly Calder

Mr. Calder discussed some possible legislation regarding structural engineers. The proposed legislation would define the scope of practice for a professional structural engineer. Mr. Jones indicated that there are several other sections of the statute that also need to be changed. Mr. Jones will meet with Mr. Calder regarding this issue. This item was not on the agenda. No action was taken.

Land Surveyor Requirements

Mr. Wesemann made a motion to have Mr. Hill draft language regarding the requirements for land surveyor. Mr. Knighton seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Pass Rate for Utah Local Practice Section

The Board discussed this item with no action taken.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn by at 11:58 A.M.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

January 16, 2008  
Date Approved

Jonathan Richards  
Chairperson, Professional Engineer and Professional  
Land Surveyor Board

January 16, 2008  
Date Approved

Dan S. Jones  
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &  
Professional Licensing